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 A Declaration from the Prince of  
*W A L E S.*

**H**AVING Religion and reason to guide my actions, I need not to be tedious to declare my intentions, neither do I intend to act any thing that shall infringe the Subjects Liberty, or subject my selfe to that illegall never heard of before Authority, which is lately crept out of the wombe of Factions. I confesse I cannot accuse all, nor excuse some: those which I accuse, are they which unjustly Condemned my Royall Father; whose blood cannot be washed out of their spongeous souls, without an inundation of repentance: Those which I excuse, are they which really endeavoured the prevention of so great a mischief.

First, let us consider their cruelty in imprisoning his Person. Secondly, their audaciousness in bringing him to an unjust Tryall. Thirdly, their barbarousness in

condemning him without Law, or Justice, not permitting the liberty of Speech; I leave it to the world to judge, whether these proceedings could be published, either with Religion, or Justice, or whether I ( who have as great a portion of griefe as any ) can in Justice wink at these enormities. Nor I can nor will not, I am therefore resolved, to hazard that which is most dear unto us, to recover, and propagate the ancient Lawes and Liberties of the Kingdome of England; whose Crown, I may, and will claime by lawfull Inheritance, in despite of those that pretend the greatest good to the Kingdome, and intend the least. They have already acted their parts, and now ( God willing ) I will act mine, in opposing their spurious Offspring, which is now more potent, then iust; therefore, let them expect, and prepare themselves to heare of the Alarums of Justice, which shall suddainly rattle in their eares, I am well assured that my cause is ballanced with Justice, and that all unbribed hearts will be assisstant to my designes; I will not wast

So much time, as to expostulate, or guild my intentions with plausible Oratory; but with as much brevity as my cause will afford me, declare the reasons of my proceedings, which are as followeth.

1. *It is sufficiently knowne, that my Royall Father, during his life, was alwaies willing and active to subscribe and condescend to any thing conducing to the peace and welfare of the Kingdome, without any sinister ends agreed to a Personall Treaty with his two Houses of Parliament, protesting (and at last sealed this Protestation with his blood) that nothing was more predominant in his thoughts, then the preserving of his Subjects Liberties, and Priviledges of Parliament: The reality of which, his last Declaration from the Isle of Wight doth abundantly manifest.*

2. *After his Concessions were voted satisfactory, yet they were disavowed by the pregnant and pernicious party of Independent*

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dependents, who indeavoured to inter-  
vall Monarchy by the advancing  
Democracy, and to regulate the King-  
dome according to their unlimited de-  
sires.

3. Did not the Army under Com-  
mand of Generall Fairfax protest, and  
Covenant to maintain the priviledge of  
Parliament? and now how diverted  
from their protestations by their late  
barbarisme perpetrated by them by im-  
prisoning and subjugating those that  
were their first Masters, and all this  
for the Liberty of the Subject? If these  
things can be consonant to law or justice,  
let the world jndge.

4. Did not they promise to make my  
royall Father a glorious King, whom  
they have inhumanely murthered by a  
new borne Authority of their own insti-  
tuting, warpt their protestations by the  
force of their own ambitious desires, pre-  
tending

*tending to prevent great mischiefs by  
inacting greater.*

These, and other abominations under which the Land groanes, are sufficient motives to invite my resolutions, and draw the world about their ears; and I hope all Christian Princes after they are fully acquainted with the particulars of my designs) will be ready to afford me their timely assistance, by which they shall ingage me hereafter to shew my self ready in the performance of any thing that shall conduce to their peace, and welfare: I must now declare my selfe to the world, that I am an absolute enemy to the proceedings of those that title themselves the Commons of England, and am resolved, by the grace of God, to imploy the utmost of my endeavors to reduce them to their former Laws, or els subvert them, and their adherents.

It is well knowne with what mild importunities my royall Father did accost them, and yet could not wooe them unto an accommodation; it is not unknowne with what unfeigned alacrity he declared even at his death, that he valued his Subjects



jects Liberty, more then his own life, and yet all these expressions made no impression in their obdurate hearts; therefore I am confident, that it is impossible to conquer them with any language; but that of the sword; with which I intend suddainly to treat. And I protest, that I will not willingly iniure any that shal desert them, or are already oppugnant to their wicked waies and designs: but wil with my life and fortune protect them, and they that willingly repair to me, shal be respected, and rewarded for their Loyalty.

I further declare, that I am free from the thoughts of inducing any Tyrannicall or Arbitrary Government, or breaking the Priviledges of Parliament, or infringing the Subjects Liberty; but will absolutely endeavour to establish the ancient known Lawes of the Land, for the effecting whereof, I shall desire all reall hearts to shew their readinesse in promoting so acceptable a work, and joyntly pray with me, that God would prosper our designs, that we may once more sit under our Vines and our Fig-trees, and eat the fat of our Land in peace and unmolested tranquility.

FINIS.